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Subject: Regarding re-licensing of Nuclear Reactors of South Texas Project Units 1 & 2

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Dear Ms. Gallagher,

It is unfortunate that my attention to this matter was not begun sooner; (I learned of it only this evening from an e-mail sent earlier this afternoon) as I was unaware that the re-licensing process was underway, and hope that I have not missed today's deadline for commenting as a public citizen.

Regarding the proposed re-licensing (Docket ID # NRC-2010-375) of South Texas Project Units 1 & 2, I do not understand the need for going forward with this action over 16 years before their planned service period ends. At least delay this until next year, that more scientific information will be available as a result of studies of the Japan disaster, and a better true-cost evaluation can be made.

It makes much more sense to retire these plants as planned in 2027 and 2028, instead of trying to extend their use another 20 years, given the rapidly evolving technology of this decade that will likely make them obsolescent. I'm opposed to their continuation for all the usual reasons, that any kind of accident and even a Category 4 or 5 hurricane-induced storm surge could remove external supports such as cooling ponds or water access (and who knows what hammering debris-laden waves on top of the storm surge could do), plus disposal of nuclear waste — no human technology is foolproof and totally isolated for thousands of years!

For alternative energy sources, and a way to get the USA off foreign oil dependence that is costing us both in trade balance and military costs, see the downloadable document describing achievable ecological solutions for all these needs:

http://phoenixprojectfoundation.us/uploads/USA_Article_V_SHE_Document.pdf

Thank you for your hard work, and consideration of these issues. Please be sure to keep me informed as this regulatory process proceeds.

Sincerely,
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